Persuasive Essay Scoring Guide

		Points Possible	Points Earned
1.	Topic Sentence: states a clear and definite position on Indian removal	5	
2.	Body: supports the topic sentence with three examples, reasons or details	5	
3.	Concluding Sentence: restates the topic and/or summarizes the author's position	5	
4.	Vocabulary: uses powerful, loaded words to persuade the reader	5	
5.	Mechanics (sentence structure, punctuation, grammar, spelling, etc.)	5	
	Total	25	